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WASHINGTON, DEC. 19 (REUTERS)--THE C.I.A. AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TODAY ADOPTED A NEW SET OF RULES TO LIFT THE SECRECY CURTAIN ON STUDY PROJECTS IN THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR SCIENCES.

FOURTEEN OFFICIAL GUIDELINES ANNOUNCED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT CALLED FOR GOVERNMENT-FINANCED RESEARCH ON FOREIGN POLICY TO BE "CONDUCTED IN WAYS THAT REFLECTED FAVORABLY ON THE U.S. AND ON THE INTEGRITY OF AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT--ENDORSED BY 21 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE PENTAGON AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT--CAME AFTER A SIX MONTH STUDY FOLLOWING AN ORDER BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON THAT SUCH STUDIES SHOULD BE CAREFULLY WATCHED TO ENSURE THEY DID NOT EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT.

THE GUIDELINES WERE INTENDED TO REDUCE THE COLOAK-AND-DAGGER APPEARANCE OF GOVERNMENT-AIDED RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PAYING FOR THEM.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID SOME STUDY PROJECTS IN OTHER SCIENCES MIGHT STAY UNDER COVER.

THEY SAID THE GUIDELINES DID NOT HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW, BUT THE AGENCIES ADOPTING THE NEW RULES WOULD "TRY TO APPLY THEM."

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THE GUIDELINES APPLIED TO STUDIES CONDUCTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTRACT BY UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS THE OFFICIALS SAID.

THE MAIN GUIDELINES CALL ON GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING "SELF-DENYING ORDINANCES":

1. THE FACT OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR A STUDY PROJECT SHOULD ALWAYS BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY SPONSOR, UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCHER.
2. IDEALLY, SUCH RESEARCH SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SHOULD ENCOURAGE OPEN PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS.
3. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TRY TO "AVERT OR MINIMIZE" ADVERSE FOREIGN REACTIONS WHEN RESEARCH IS CARRIED OUT IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WHEN WORK WAS DONE ABROAD, IT WAS "PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT" THAT THE AUSPICES AND FINANCING OF THE PROJECTS SHOULD BE DISCLOSED. COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN SCHOLARS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, AND THE RESULTS POSSIBLY DISTRIBUTED IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

THE GUIDELINES EMPHASIZED THAT "COVERT SUPPORT TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS CONTRARY TO NATIONAL POLICY."

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAD TO AVOID ACTIONS "THAT WOULD CALL INTO QUESTION THE INTEGRITY OF AMERICAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AS CENTERS OF INDEPENDENT TEACHING AND RESEARCH."

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